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# memorandum

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REPLY TO: OMD

SUBJECT: DOE Response to Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Letter Regarding Research and Development Safety Management at the Nuclear Weapons Laboratories, Dated April 28, 1995

TO: E. H. Beckner, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, DP-2, HQ

This memorandum is for Defense Programs' action.

During the May 24-25, 1995 meetings with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) I assumed the lead in developing the DOE response to the DNFSB Letter Regarding Research and Development Safety Management at the Nuclear Weapons Laboratories, dated April 28, 1995. The development of this report is extremely important to continuing the missions of the laboratories while efficiently ensuring the safety of the workers, public and the environment. I believe this report provides DOE and the laboratories with the unique opportunity to create model Management Systems that integrate Environment, Safety, and Health (ES&H) at each laboratory. These laboratory management models will meet laboratory management requirements while meeting DOE responsibilities and DNFSB expectations. We expect to coordinate extensively with the Department Standards Committee (DSC) for policy and guidance and will use the DSC to periodically report our progress on this effort to affected Cognizant Secretarial Officers.

I have delegated Daniel Rose of the AL Operations Management Division the responsibility of developing the report. The timely and satisfactory accomplishment of this task will require active participation and full cooperation of DOE (HQ, AL), laboratories, and the DNFSB. Dan has established a Working Group (WG), see attached, that consists of representatives from the major stakeholders. In order for the WG to be effective, each WG member should have the authority to concur and commit their respective organizations to the contents of the report. Roger Dintaman of the Defense Programs (DP) staff has been named to represent DP.


I will submit the report to you for formal transmittal to the DNFSB. Due to the time constraints and to allow the WG additional time to complete the development of a high quality document I suggest you request the Secretary to delegate signature authority for this document to DP-1.

E. H. Beckner

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this topic, please call Daniel Rose of my staff at (505) 845-5179.

  
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Attachment

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